

APPENDIX A:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend paragraphs [0001], [0004] and [0007] as indicated in the following instructions.

[0001] The present invention is related to wheeled [trimmer] trimmers. More specifically, the present invention is related to a wheeled rotating line trimmer with enhanced mobility and ease of use.

[0004] There are many rotating line trimmers which have been developed specifically to insure that the line rotates parallel to the terrain being cut. Most of these involve a platform of some type on which a rotating line trimmer is mounted either permanently or reversibly. Exemplary references include U.S. Patents 5,839,262; 5,287,683; 4,756,147; 4,688,376; 4,428,183; 4,411,126; 4,389,836 and 4,343,139. All of these rotating line trimmers have the advantage of insuring that the rotating line is parallel to the surface yet they also have a common deficiency. In each case the relationship between the handle and rotating line is fixed. This deficiency requires that the person using the rotating line trimmer must be directly behind the trimmer to effectively cut an area. For example, if the operator wishes to turn the trimmer to their right the operator must effectively step to their left to pivot the trimmer on the rear wheels thereby rotating the orientation of the trimmer. This requires the operator to essentially move in a direction which is the mirror image of the trimmer. Since the distance between the wheels and rotating line is less than the distance between the wheels and the operator the movement of the operator is exaggerated relative to the movement of the trimmer. This greatly increases [fatigue] fatigue.

[0007] It is an object of the present invention to provide a rotating line trimmer which is easy to use and which decreases the rate at which an operator is [fatigued] fatigued.

APPENDIX B:

REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS

Please replace paragraphs [0001], [0004] and [0007] with the amended, unmarked, paragraphs below.

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